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MARRIAGE.

On 26th May, at the Consulate, Kobe, Japan, by Rev. H. M. Smith, Minister of the Gospel, the marriage of Miss Mary Ann Watson, daughter of the late Mr. Watson, of Hongkong, to Mr. John Watson, of Hongkong, was solemnized.

DEATH.

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THE DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, JUNE 4th, 1891.

It is now nearly two years since the scheme for a local postal delivery was approved and the funds necessary for the service voted by the Legislative Council. During the whole of last year nothing was done. The vote again appeared in the estimates for the present year and was duly passed, but the prospect of being able to send local letters through the post appears as remote as ever. The difficulty in the way, we understand, is the want of room. The present Post Office certainly could not afford accommodation for the new branch. It was intended in the first instance that it should be located in the building known as Crosby's Store, but for some reason or other it has not been found convenient to allot the necessary space there and the whole scheme still remains in abeyance. But is the difficulty sufficiently serious to excuse the Government in withholding from the public a boon so urgently desired and which has been formally approved and provided for financially? The total estimated cost of the new branch of the Postal Department is \$5,940, of which \$1,200 is for rent of rooms. If rooms are not available, Crosby's Store there cannot be procured elsewhere for the amount already provided in the estimates or very little more. In any case a trifling payment to be allowed to stand in the way of such an urgently needed improvement. It can hardly be considered otherwise than, discreditable to the Colony that if a person wants to send a letter from East Point to West Point or vice versa he should have to send a whole distance instead of being able, as he ought to be, to deposit his missive in a letter box at the corner of the next street. That the service would prove a paying one there can be little doubt, but even if there was some slight loss it would be amply compensated for by the immense convenience. Now that family life is becoming so much more general in the Colony the need for a house-to-house delivery becomes proportionately greater. In the old days the rule that letters would be delivered only

at mercantile offices and not at private residences did not constitute a very great hardship, but circumstances are very different now. It has been deemed necessary to give residents at the Peak and at Kowloon a local delivery, and why residents in Victoria should be denied the same privilege is one of those things that no one but a Government servant can understand.

A curious question has been raised at Shanghai, namely, in the event of the Volunteers being called out to quell a disturbance on whom would rest the responsibility of giving the order to fire. At the time of the trouble on the French Bund, the *Mercure* believes it was arranged, or at least suggested, that in the event of the Volunteers being called upon to disperse the rioters, a Chinese official delegated by the Consul should be present to give the official imprimatur to the action. This, our contemporary thinks, was a mistake that ought not to be repeated again, the native Authorities having nothing in the world to do with the local force, which is under the control and for the protection of the Foreign community, including the Consular representatives of the Treaty Powers. It is, the writer goes on to say, with the Consul and the Chairman of the Municipal Council that the responsibility of giving an order to fire would rest. But from whence do these authorities derive the responsibility thus lightly thrown on them? The Chairman of the Council holds no military commission and in the event of his being charged with homicide he would have to stand his trial like any ordinary individual. Neither the Consul nor the Chairman of the Municipal Council are authorized by their commission to direct warlike operations. Thus we have a small army (we may call it so by courtesy) without any ultimate head. The Commandant holds his commission from the Municipal Council, but it is not within the province of a Municipal Council to control a military body in active service, though it may vote funds for its support. There is not, however, much likelihood of any practical difficulty arising from this curious indeterminate control of the Volunteers. The force would only use their weapons in the event of foreign lives or property being directly threatened, and the principle of necessity *facit legem* would be held sufficient justification for their action.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 4.35 p.m. yesterday.

The P. & O. steamer *Pokhara* left Singapore for this port yesterday at 8.30 a.m. with the outward English mails.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O.S. Co's steamer *Dan* left Singapore yesterday morning and is due here on the 6th inst.

Reports were in circulation yesterday to the effect that an old established firm was in difficulties. It is, however, a rumour, and two large guarantee funds to fall upon it necessary.

A Renter's telegram in the *Ceylon Observer* dated London, May 26, says: "The Peninsular and Oriental Company pays a dividend of five per cent, on preferred and seven on deferred shares for the last half year."

A woman, who has just arrived from the coast, reports as follows: "The whole picking of the first crop will hardly reach the amount of last year, but as we are sure that there will be a picking of the third and fourth crops."

The *C. S. Daily News* says: "Mr. P. Watson, the chief engineer of the M.M. Co's *Spargus*, has invented a new kind of machine for picking cotton. It consists of a series of rollers, of a hard metal, and has been found to work very satisfactorily. It is being tried in some of the districts belonging to Shanghai."

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:

Mr. H. H. Simon, £10.

Mr. A. J. Jones, £10.

Says the *Singapore Free Press*: "We are informed that Mr. Griffiths, husband of Madame Fennell, the lady bicyclist, manager of the entertainment before the late 'World's' Chinese Entertainment, has been arrested."

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Wrote from the London Times that among other exhibits in the Naval Exhibition appear models of many of the latest ocean passenger steamships. In this class there appears a model of the *Empress of India*.

Mr. Wiles held an inquiry at the Magistrate's yesterday morning, at the residence of Mr. Wiles, who was charged with the murder of a man named John Wiles, who was killed on the 20th May by being struck with a piece of stone during some domestic operations. Mr. Wiles was charged with the murder of John Wiles, who was killed on the 20th May by being struck with a piece of stone during some domestic operations. Mr. Wiles was charged with the murder of John Wiles, who was killed on the 20th May by being struck with a piece of stone during some domestic operations.

An explanation of the conduct of Tando Sanzo in attacking the *Carew* has been reached as we have not seen in any of the Japan papers. It is said that he had some Japanese friends who were in a hurry to get away, for which he had been rewarded by the commander with a small decoration in the shape of a medal. On the occasion of the *Carew*'s visit he was in a hurry to get away, for which he had been rewarded by the commander with a small decoration in the shape of a medal.

In the House of Commons on the 15th May Mr. Webb asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether his attention had been called to a correspondence between the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the China Navigation Company on the one side, and the Government of Hongkong on the other side, in which the companies complain that the Government of Hongkong has been negligent in its duties towards them, and that they have been treated with disrespect and injustice.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. The following are the orders of the day—

1. The Hon. Mr. T. M. Wicks will ask the following questions—

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